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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Cam N Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09/21/04 (an amendment/response).
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 6-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 2-5, 22-24, & 26-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' remarks and amendments, filed on September 21, 2004, have been carefully considered. Claims 2-23 have been amended. New claims 24-27 have been added.

Claims 2-27 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2-5, 22-24, & 26-27 are objected to because of the following informalities:
- A. In claim 2, line 1, --catalytic-- is suggested inserted before "surface".
 - B. In claim 2, line 1, "in which" should be deleted and replaced thereof with --wherein--.
 - C. In claim 3, line 7, "pyrolosis" should be changed to --pyrolysis--.
 - D. In claim 4, line 9, "pyrolosis" should be changed to --pyrolysis--.
 - E. In claim 5, line 10, "decompose" should be changed to --decomposed--.
 - F. In claim 5, line 10, "pyrolosis" should be changed to --pyrolysis--.
 - G. In claim 22, line 1, "claim 3 or claim 4 or claim 5" should be changed to --claim 3, claim 4, or claim 5--.
 - H. In claim 23, line 1, "claim 3 or claim 4 or claim 5" should be changed to --claim 3, claim 4, or claim 5--.
 - I. In claim 24, line 1, "claim 3 or claim 4 or claim 5" should be changed to --claim 3, claim 4, or claim 5--.

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J. In claim 26, line 1, "claim 3 or claim 4 or claim 5" should be changed to -- claim 3, claim 4, or claim 5--.

K. In claim 27, line 1, "claim 3 or claim 4 or claim 5" should be changed to -- claim 3, claim 4, or claim 5--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 (Second Paragraph)

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 2-4 & 6-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 3 & 4, it appears that applicants intend to recite "a mixture of large size particles of component (1) and component (2), but the claims do not particularly point out so. It appears that the Markush terminology used is improper and causes the confusion.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicants' amendment/response filed on September 21, 2004 has been fully reconsidered, but remains not persuasive in view of the new ground of rejection and objections above.

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6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

7. Claims 2-27 are pending in the application. Claims 2-4 & 6-27 are rejected. Claims 2-5, 22-24, & 26-27 are objected. No claims are allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Cam Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30 am. to 6:00 pm.


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The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to telephone number (571) 272-1700.

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